

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

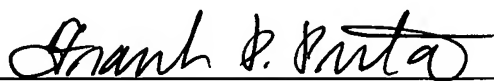
Claims 1-8 and 18 have been allowed by the Examiner.

All of the other claims in the present application have now been cancelled. Accordingly, the present application should now be in condition for allowance.

Prompt issuance of the Notice of Allowance of Claims 1-8 and 18 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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